

BOUGHT HIS OWN HOUSE

The Premier Makes a Personal Explanation.

Denies an Unfounded Rumor—The Groups in the Yukon.

Ottawa, July 12.—At 2 o'clock yesterday the deputy speaker again took the chair in committee, the sitting which commenced the previous evening being continued.

In further explanation of the item under discussion, "clothing and necessities, \$150,000," Dr. Borden stated that wherever practicable all articles required were purchased in Canada.

Mr. J. Ross Robertson asked the government to carefully consider whether they should carry out their intention to withdraw half the troops from the Yukon. Public opinion would, Mr. Robertson said, support the government if they kept in the Yukon the whole force now there, as the Americans were sending more troops there, and the two nations should co-operate in preserving law and order. He called attention to a Washington dispatch to the New York World, stating an intimation had reached the state department that Canada contemplates sending a body of mounted police to the Kluane River region, and that if this is so the United States will require to send troops to Pyramid Harbor. The dispatch, he also stated, did not credit the story. Mr. Robertson asked if the prime minister could give any information upon the matter.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that without betraying a state secret, he would say that for his part he would strongly object to the Americans sending any force into the territory which is now in dispute under existing circumstances and until a permanent boundary has been settled.

After this diversion the house again gave attention to the estimates, and Dr. Borden, in reply to an inquiry, said that although the vote for the Royal Military College was larger than last year, the net expenditure was really smaller. The increased expenditure was caused by the larger attendance of cadets; the amount of fees received was much larger in proportion, but this, of course, was not shown in the estimates.

By 9 o'clock tonight the last item in the militia estimates had been passed.

Dr. Borden explained the arrangement with the Imperial Government for the defense of Esquimaux which has been agreed to by the government, Canada is to pay half the cost of the Imperial garrison of 520 officers and men, say \$2,345. Dr. Borden explained that the item of \$3,000 for monuments for battlefields included \$2,500 for a monument at Stony Creek and \$500 for a tablet at Burlington Heights.

A PERSONAL EXPLANATION. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he desired to call the attention of the house for a moment to an incident which took place Monday night, in which he was personally interested. On Tuesday, when he looked at the report of the committee, he had taken place in the house, he read that the honorable member for South Leeds (Mr. Taylor) had stated that the Messrs. Bate had bought and furnished the house which the premier lives. Mr. Laurier then read from Hansard the remarks of Mr. Taylor, and continuing, said:

"Now, I may say at once that I do not feel called upon to contradict anything that has been said by the honorable gentleman, but in order to show to what levity gentlemen on the other side of the house can descend, and how they can utter absolutely unfounded and less accusations, I would like to put me if I ask them to follow me into my private affairs. In the spring of 1897 I bought a house in the city of Ottawa. I bought it from the Leslie estate. The price agreed upon was \$9,500. I paid down \$5,000 cash and gave a mortgage on the balance for \$4,500. I bought the house in the name of my wife, because, being poor, and well knowing that if I died I should have nothing left to her, I thought I would be right to give her a home. The balance I myself raised upon a note, which has not been altogether extinguished. That is all there is about it. The house has been furnished by myself, with the exception of a few gifts which were given to my wife by some of her lady friends. That is all there is to this transaction. For the occasion of the honorable gentleman there is not a shadow of foundation. The Messrs. Bate have never furnished nor bought a house for me."

Mr. Taylor said he had made the statement on hearsay evidence. The rumor was flying around Ottawa. Mr. Taylor said that when the premier sat on the opposition side of the house he and his friends behind him charged Sir John Macdonald with having, through his wife, accepted a bribe from Sir Donald Smith, consisting of a gold necklace. When the people of this country made Sir Hector Langevin a present, the present prime minister declared that no public man, occupying the position of a minister of the crown, should receive a gift from his friends without having their names made public and laid on the table of the house. What do we find today? Lord Strathcona is a civil servant of this government, representing Canada in England, and is more closely associated with the C. P. R. than he was then. He now telegraphs that he will head the subscription list for a present to the prime minister of \$10,000 and, if necessary, he would make it \$20,000.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said there was a rumor that a house had been offered to him, and it was also true that he had refused to accept it.

LISTOWEL TRAGEDY.

Listowel, Ont., July 12.—Wm. Manning, a laborer, about 40 years of age, was in the habit of beating his wife when he got the worse of liquor, and gave her a beating on Saturday morning, after which she laid a complaint against him. When he found it necessary to give her another beating on Saturday evening. Finding the constable was coming to arrest him yesterday morning, he said he would never appear before the magistrate, and took a drink of laudanum. He leaves a large family in very poor circumstances.

But few articles have reached such a world-wide reputation as ANGSTURA BITTERS. For over 50 years it has been the acknowledged standard regulator of the digestive organs. Their success has incited imitations. Be sure you get the genuine article, manufactured only by Dr. J. C. B. Siebert & Sons. After marriage a girl becomes too economical to cry on her husband's coat collar.

MERE MENTION

Chatham's tax rate will be 2 3/4 mills.

Woodstock's tax rate will probably be 2 1/2 mills.

An automobile factory is to be started in Port Huron, Mich.

Charles Mall, for 36 years Belgian consul, is dead in New York.

The Leasing-Bitchie handle factory of Essex may move to Chatham.

The Star Theater at Hamilton was badly gutted by fire yesterday morning.

One hundred and eighteen warships will take part in the British naval maneuvers.

The Pontiac, Mich., spring and wagon works fire Monday evening entailed a loss of \$50,000.

Canadian Pacific railroad earnings last week were \$522,000, an increase of \$41,000 over last year.

Bandits forced their way into Julio Angulo's home near Bejucal, Cuba, bound the planter and stole \$500.

The cruiser Olympia, with Admiral Dewey on board, from Colombo, Ceylon, June 28, has been sighted off Suva.

The steamer Horatio Hall, New York for Portland, is ashore in Vineyard Sound, five miles from Woods' Hole, Mass.

Major-General Corbin has telegraphed orders to all recruiting officers to vaccinate every man enlisted in the United States army in future.

New York's welcome to Admiral Dewey will last two days, with land and naval parades, a \$10,000 triumphal arch and a special hymn of welcome.

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Surgeon Harvard, at Santiago, telegraphs revised list today, showing 122 cases of yellow fever, with 24 deaths, including four officers. Two additional cases of yellow fever at Manzanillo, five in all.

Anne Elizabeth Ingersoll, the kidnapper of little Gerald Lapiner, fought like a fury on being taken to Joliet penitentiary, three men being required to carry her.

Abraham Finklestein mixed paint near a hot stove in his home in New York. His wife and son were burned to death and he was fatally scorched in the explosion.

Dr. Potts was operated on for appendicitis at the city hospital this morning. He is very low, and little hopes for his recovery are entertained.

Hamilton Times.

Passenger from Alaska on the Rosalie report that of a party of fourteen prospectors with 50 horses on the Edmonton trail, five men and all the horses were lost. One man is dying of dropsy.

The alleged inhuman treatment of Dreyfus on Devil's Island is to be investigated and action taken against Mr. Lebon, the minister who was responsible for the orders sent to his keepers.

The body of a man was found floating last week in the Red Deer River, near Olds, Alberta. It was identified as that of the foreman of David McLaughlin's ranch. He had been missing since June 13.

Reports from the flood district in Texas say that while the waters are rapidly receding, the condition of the victims is still serious from lack of both food and shelter by hundreds.

There are said to be 2,000 suffering people in one county alone.

Reports from Sambre Island say the only victim of the Porcia's wreck was a 12-year-old Assyrian lad, who was traveling from New York to St. John's, Nfld., where his mother lives. The 70 passengers and a crew of 24 officers and men were landed safely.

South-bound passenger train No. 1, on the Colorado and Southern Railway, was robbed by four men at a point five miles south of Folsom, N. M., at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night. After the train had been brought to a standstill, the robbers used dynamite, blowing open the sides of the express car, but are said to have secured nothing.

ELDERLY MEN.

There Is No Better Youth Restorer Than Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mr. H. S. Barnes, Seventy-Five Years of Age, Feels Young and Smart as a Boy—Used Dodd's Kidney Pills and Delighted With the Result.

Rat Portage, July 11.—Mr. H. S. Barnes is an elderly gentleman, being five years past the three score and ten. He is the father of ex-Mayor Barnes, and no old gentleman in Rat Portage is more esteemed and respected. Mr. Barnes is one of the many who have been cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills in their old age.

There is a letter showing Mr. Barnes' experience with the greatest remedy of the present day—Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Rat Portage, June 18, 1909. Gentlemen:—I would like to make the following statement for the benefit of whoever would like to hear the truth. I am 75 years old, and have lived in Rat Portage for the past 13 years. Some time ago my wife asked me to get her some Dodd's Kidney Pills. She was suffering from some kind of kidney trouble, and desired to try Dodd's Kidney Pills. I finally got her a box but she never lived to take them. Having little faith in patent medicines, I, however, was soon forced to change my opinion. I had long been neglecting similar symptoms to those of my wife, these now became very severe. Having the box of Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house, I thought I might as well try them. I suffered terribly with pain across my back with a scalding sensation when urinating. When the first box stopped these symptoms, and continuing their use I became completely cured. All the citizens of Rat Portage were greatly surprised at the change in my appearance, I can tell you. They often used to greet me with "Hello, Mr. Barnes! Why how smart you are looking!" They were not far astray. I felt smart too, and younger and in better health than for years. You may publish this statement with my full indorsement of your remedy which possesses real genuine merit.

H. S. BARNES.

BAYFIELD BOY DROWNED.

Bayfield, Ont., July 12.—A son of Mr. Houston, principal of the high school, Clinton, one of a picnic party, was drowned while in bathing yesterday. He got beyond his depth, and before assistance could reach him was drowned. His body was found 25 minutes after too late to be revived. He was 14 years old.

LIGHTNING CAUSES HAVOC

A. E. Hould & Co.'s Furniture Factory Destroyed—Loss \$8,000.

Four Barns Burned to the Ground With All Contents—Narrow Escape of Two Boys.

Lightning did a great deal of damage in London and vicinity last evening. Several fires resulted. The most disastrous was at the furniture factory of A. E. Hould & Co., Quebec street, where the damage amounted to \$7,000 or \$8,000. The building is located outside of the city limits, and about 6 p.m. was struck by lightning. Fire broke out and was observed by some of the hands, who were not long in extinguishing it, as they thought completely. Some sparks probably escaped their notice and continued smouldering. At any rate, the place was in flames at 8:15 this morning, when the fire department was summoned. It was a long run for the brigade and the fire had spread throughout the factory. Little could be saved except the lumber in the kilns. The building and stock were partially insured.

FOUR BARNES DESTROYED.

Two barns on lot 2, con. 2, London township, were struck by lightning, and burned to the ground with all their contents. A load of hay had just been driven into one of the barns, and so quickly did the flames spread that there was not time to back the wagon out of the barn. A reaper which was removed from the burning building was burned completely while standing outside. The buildings were owned by H. Brownlee, of this city. The contents were the property of the tenant, Mr. Rogers. The loss on the building is \$1,500; insurance \$900, in the London Township Mutual.

Two barns at 575 and 577 Oxford street, owned by Wm. Liley and Philip Edwards, were struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Total loss, \$600.

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LETTER FROM THE SHERIFF

Refutes Some Unjust Insinuations by a Corporation Lawyer.

Sheriff Cameron sends the following letter to the Free Press, which is self-explanatory:

To the Editor of the Free Press:

I was called upon by Messrs. T. H. Spelman and C. H. Ivey shortly before eight o'clock on Saturday evening, urging that, because of the failure of the mayor to do so, I proceed to read the riot act. I replied that I would, if necessary, read the riot act, but not until I knew the reason for the mayor's refusal; that if the conditions were as they stated, and the county attorney advised, I would not hesitate to do so in any event. Mr. C. H. Ivey undertook to drive me to where he represented the county attorney then to be—the car barns, East London. We drove there, but failed to find Mr. Magee, nor could Mr. Ivey get him by telephone from the barns. Mr. Ivey then asked if I was afraid to go through the crowd apparent at the head of Lyle, on Dundas street. I replied: "Certainly not. Go ahead." We did so, turned west on the latter street, and though the crowd on the north side, as far west as Adelaide street, filled the sidewalk from the street line to the curb, we were not disturbed; not a finger was raised to impede our progress, nor an act done that betokened violent intentions towards us. When the corner of Adelaide street was reached, the smashing of the windows in the two cars approaching us from the west, and being taken to the barns by Detective Nickle and police constables, so disturbed the horse that I suppose Mr. Ivey, who drove, was prompted to turn up Adelaide street. He immediately turned back into the Dundas street crowd, that had less than three minutes before attacked the cars. But no violence was here attempted towards us, and the statement that "the sheriff asked Mr. Ivey to at once drive him from the scene," either at this point or elsewhere, is not the fact—is as untrue as the insinuation reference to me was gratuitous and unnecessary.

Mr. Editor, I would not, but for one fact, obtrude this denial, involving as it does the delicate question of personal courage, and a public attack on a man when the public mind is unsettled, and when many allege that the supineness of authority has much to do with the disorder that prevails, but for one fact. The paragraph may be taken to mean that the discharge of whatever duty falls to my lot in